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HILO NEWS NOTES

Interesting Budget From Coffee Center.

IMPROVEMENTS IN STREETS

Society People Entertain Naval Officers.

Kaliwiki Lots Sold—Activity in Shipping—New and Expected Arrivals.

HILO, Hawaii, May 24.—It may be "the mills of the gods grind slowly," but there is no doubt but what the mills of justice have been grinding rapidly in Hilo this week, at any rate.

No less than a dozen liquor and opium cases have come up in the courts. Last night three arrests were made, and this morning one case was tried, which resulted in a fine of \$150 and costs being imposed upon the illegal dispenser of liquors. Even ex-police officers do not understand how to escape the clutches of the law. Not more than two weeks ago one of the ex-police men was brought before the court for selling "swipes" to the cadets and fined \$150, and now another ex-blue-coat is in the same box.

No regrets will be spoken when the old stone wall around the Court House yard will be demolished and a neat rail or chain fence substituted for that eyesore. The material in the old wall will probably be utilized in the street work consequent upon the widening of Wai-anue street. The seven royal palms and the traveler's palm, transplanted on the Loebenstein grounds, look as though they are going to live. Mr. Wilson moved two large royal palms on his own place this week, the labor having been performed in remarkably short time and with great success. It is to be hoped that the palms along the mauka wall of the Court House yard might be moved before the work of widening Pittman street is begun.

It is said that the Pihoma road, lately completed, is to have top dressing and a crusher over it. So let it be! If properly rolled and top-dressed it will probably make as fine a piece of road as can be found hereabouts, only that it is very narrow. The excellent view to be had from almost any point along the road, and the crisp, cool air prevalent towards sundown will make this road popular for driving when once it has been put into proper shape.

The query now is: "How soon will the makai side of Front street be revolutionized?" The Hilo Mercantile Company's new building, in course of construction, fronts on the proper street line and stands out several feet upon the old road. It is intended there shall be an eight-foot sidewalk laid along the building front, and when this is completed there will be "gangway" for one team between the new store and the buildings opposite.

On Thursday evening, the 13th, the officers of the U. S. S. Adams entertained the following ladies and gentlemen at dinner: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hardy, Mrs. E. D. Baldwin, G. K. Wilder, Misses Bella Weight and Julia Broderick. This affair was followed by a dance at Spreckels' Hall, tendered by Mr. Wilder and others. The dance was a very successful affair, and the refreshments served during the evening, added much to the pleasure of the event. Those present, besides the officers, were: Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Pringle, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Forrest, Mrs. E. D. Baldwin, Mr. L. Severance, Misses Severance, Guild, Hitchcock, Willis Weight, Broderick, Rose, Hapai, Richardson, Cunningham, Capt. and Mrs. MacDonal, Mrs. Sickels, Messrs. Wilder, Winter, Jones, Ward, Roland, Thrum, Sturgeon, Himes, Fairer, Schoen, Mackey, Rose, Capt. Johnson and others.

A delightful time was had by the officers of the Adams and their shore friends at a picnic on Coconut Island on the 14th. On Saturday evening the officers were entertained at dinner at the hotel, covers being laid for 24, and on the following evening Mr. Wakefield invited a number to feast upon one of his inimitable concoctions of welsh rarebit. In all, the officers were well entertained in Hilo.

At the invitation of Sheriff Andrews,

a pleasant little party, composed of Captain Gibson, Lieutenant Holcombe, Sheriff and Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Marshall and Miss Mabel Hitchcock spent a day in Olaa, visiting the coffee plantations of J. P. Sisson, E. D. Baldwin and others.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Turner entertained the Monday Evening Whist Club and friends at progressive whist last week. The evening hours were most pleasantly spent, and the delicious refreshments were relished.

The regular monthly church social of the First Foreign Church was held at the home of Sheriff and Mrs. L. A. Andrews last Tuesday evening. A large number gathered on this occasion and enjoyed a sociable evening. Several pantomimes were presented with good effect.

An unusually sad event was the burial of two children of Mr. and Mrs. John Watt of Honokaa on Sunday last. Upon the death of their infant daughter a few weeks ago, the body was buried near their home; but when about 10 days later death claimed a second precious baby, it was decided to bring both bodies to Hilo for burial. The Iwalani was chartered for the sad voyage, and the bereaved parents and relatives arrived Sunday about 4 p. m., accompanying the bodies to the Foreign Church, from whence the funeral took place, after solemn services had been conducted. A large concourse of sympathizing friends followed the remains to comfort the hearts of the bereaved parents. The second child was a boy 18 months old, and death resulted from complications arising from teething.

Considerable interest in target practice is being manifested by local sharpshooters, members of the Citizens' Guard, and a few very good scores have been made. Charley Hitchcock holding the highest record, 46.

An auction sale of Kaliwiki lots was held on Thursday morning, at the office of Surveyor Baldwin. The purchasers were: Dr. R. B. Williams, Attorney Wakefield, Rev. Baptiste, Editor Sparrow, Messrs. Affonso, Gourea, Budachy, Ray. Lots in Olaa sold to Frank Smith and Mr. Lobsoford.

Minister King and W. E. Rowell, Superintendent of Public Works, have been busy this week promising improvements. They have said there shall be a sewerage system in Hilo and a wharf along the banks of the Waiakaka.

C. S. Desky is in town again, looking after real estate interests. On Friday evening he gave a party to a few friends at the hotel.

Mrs. Stockbridge, aunt of Messrs. Frank and Charles Cooke, has been a guest at Dr. Wetmore's. She has been visiting in Kona and Kau, and intends seeing more of the big island before her return to Honolulu.

Among the passengers expected on the Roderick Dhu, now en route to this port, are: Mrs. G. K. Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Deacon, Albert Loebenstein, Mr. Ray and others.

Captain Fitzgerald has received the appointments of surveyor of the port and pilot.

Minister King and Mr. Rowell have gone to Hamakua.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Pringle leave for Kahuku, where Mr. Pringle has accepted a position as school teacher. The Santiago left Friday morning with a full cargo of sugar and several passengers, among them being Mrs. C. C. Austin, five children and nurse. Mrs. Austin expects to be absent at the Coast for six months.

The Annie Johnson, Matson master, arrived in port on the 17th, 14 days from San Francisco, with 39 males and the following passengers: Mr. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jones and child, Mr. Smith is the father of Frank Smith, of Olaa, and has gone to Olaa. Mr. Jones has accepted a position on Pepee-keo plantation, as luna, and has taken his family to their new home.

The Henry Villard, Patten master, left port May 18th with a cargo valued at nearly \$150,000, bound for New York.

Mrs. E. Flohr, of Honoum, gave birth to a baby girl last week.

BISHOP WILLIS WAS THERE.
He Arrived in Samoa in Time to Obviate at Service.

APIA, Samoa, April 24.—The timely arrival of the Mariposa on Saturday last, notwithstanding the fact that she left San Francisco some 60 hours late, enabled the Bishop of Honolulu to perform most of his contemplated services. On Saturday afternoon a baptismal and confirmation service was held. There were several candidates of both sexes for confirmation, who were presented to the Bishop by Consul Cusack. In the evening a large number of local residents attended at the British Consulate, by invitation of the Consul, to pay their respects to the Bishop and his lady, who, during their stay in Samoa, were the guests of the Consul. A most enjoyable evening was spent. On Sunday morning a communion service was held, and in the evening, at the Apia Foreign Church, His Lordship preached to a large congregation. The singing at the evening service was especially good, thanks principally to the efforts of Mrs. Goward and Mr. Gurr, who, as organist and choirmaster, took special pains with the musical part of the service.

WAS PREMATURE

Under House Rules Time Not Ripe for Hawaiian Matters.

INDICATIONS OF COMPROMISE

Opinion of Eastern Papers Changed.

Vote On Pearl Harbor Amendment Not an Index to Fate of Annexation.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The condition of the tariff bill increases the anger of Republican legislators. Between a waiting nation and angry constituents, Congressmen are between the devil and the deep sea. The policy of the leaders is to compromise and fix up the tariff rates, if it can be done, and let members go home.

Mr. King, Democrat from Utah, a very able young man, introduced an annexation measure in the House. It was rejected with derisive cheers. It was his own measure, and was done of his own motion. The impatient members are anxious to present bills, important to their own constituents, but Speaker Reed, with a majority behind him, utterly refuses to permit it. He will not even, in accordance with the rules, appoint the usual committees. To present the Hawaiian matter, under such circumstances, invites anger and opposition. Let it take its time, they say. If the Hawaiian interest is important there will be hostility. The preservation of the reciprocity clause in the treaty is in regular order, and has its place. The dispatch to the New York Sun of May 9th, stating that the planters generally are looking into white labor, excites interest among those who have time to perform themselves on the subject. Had the movement been made some years ago it would greatly assist in maintaining the reciprocity treaty.

It is now well understood that the action of the Senate Committee, in striking out the reciprocity clause in the tariff bill, was not a deliberate act. At the same time, it seems to be evident that, while the planting interest has been quietly nodding during the last three years, the opposition has been quietly working and organizing. It has at its fingers' ends all the facts, figures and condition of the sugar interest.

The argument which this opposition rather avoid is the political argument. It, therefore, says little on this point, and confines itself to the statement that Hawaii has the best of the bargain.

There are indications that the Spreckles' interest and the sugar beet interest of California would prefer a compromise, the decrease of the benefits to Hawaii, not the absolute abrogation of the treaty. The opposition, so far as California is concerned, does not dare to injure the flourishing trade with Hawaii, but would modify it.

The Western Senators and members of the House seem to be free from the conservatism of the Eastern men. They have lived at a distance from Washington City, and do not show as much respect for the traditional policy as the men in the East, who inherit very conservative ideas regarding the territorial limits of the United States.

The discussions in the Eastern papers of the tariff bill indicate a great change of opinion regarding the rate of duties. The manufacturers of Pennsylvania are decidedly in favor of moderate tariffs, as it permits foreign trade. Large quantities of foreign chemicals are used in manufacturing. If the price of these is increased through an increased tariff rate, it will enhance cost and limit export. The tariff bills of the future will be the outcome of practical experience, and not the result of speculations and guesses by legislators and laymen. The immediate demand of revenue, however, will result in a crude and unsatisfactory law.

The debate in the House, yesterday, on the appropriation for Pearl Harbor may or may not be significant. The Republicans who spoke in favor of it, spoke with some earnestness, but when the vote was taken, some of them stepped out into the lobby and did not vote. The impression seemed to be that the making of the appropriation

committed the House to future appropriations, and that the plan was premature. Mr. Hitt carefully avoided the subject of annexation, but stated that the grant of the exclusive right to Pearl Harbor was an absolute grant, for which the sum of \$23,000,000 had been paid in advantages under the treaty. These are serious words from one of the best friends of reciprocity and annexation. But Mr. Hitt may not be understood. He believes that the United States, as the owners of the right, should now take a step in advance and secure a foothold at once, because there can be, he believes, no doubt about the right. If there were doubts he could not advise appropriations until the matter is settled. Reciprocity and annexation, he holds, are separate matters. This course, he believes, is in the interests of Hawaii.

While there were indications of some division on party lines, it appears that the vote was not strictly a party question. On the whole, it would be premature to take this vote as a straw showing the direction of the Congressional wind. The fact must, also, be considered that there were less than half the members of the House present at the voting.

The Evening Star of this city, has finally determined to fight the Sugar Trust, and opened on Monday with a caustic article on that great corporation. The Trust people privately charge that the friends of Hawaii have fomented this attack. It is not true.

The letter in the Star, from Hawaii, signed "Kamehameha," cites the enormous yield of sugar from the Ewa plantation as an indication of the resources of the Islands. While the policy of stating the truth is the best, of course, it should be the whole truth. The enemies of Hawaii quote the statement and say: "You see, Hawaii needs no protection. She can produce 11 tons of sugar to the acre." But the average production is far below that figure, and should be clearly stated in any reference to the producing capacity of the plantations.

If any one will read the arguments before the Committee on Foreign Affairs, made in 1882, when the renewal of the treaty was under consideration, he will notice that counsel for Hawaii, in answer to the statement that the United States were "paying too dearly for the whistle," said that the product of sugar was at that time only 48,000 tons per year, and the inference was that the limit of production had been reached, so that the "bounty" paid by the United States, and would remain, an inconsiderable sum. The increase of the product to 220,000 tons changes the condition, and gives, so far as it is worth anything, some new strength to the argument based on unequal benefits.

There seems to be "in the air" a feeling that the treaty should be modified so that the "benefits" may be more evenly adjusted. This seems to be the compromise measure suggested by Senator Perkins. On the other hand, there is a strong feeling in the Senate that this should not be done, indirectly, through the tariff bill. At the present writing this seems to be the prevailing sentiment.

Since the Japanese have published their grievances against the Hawaiian Government, some of the friends here of Hawaii do not believe that the Government acted wisely in refusing counsel to the immigrants. The enemies of Hawaii insist that it indicates a settled purpose on the part of the Government to force an issue with Japan; that if there was no such purpose, the immigrants would have been allowed the privilege or right of consulting persons who could inform them whether they had or had not any "right" whatever, according to the usages of civilized nations. The full and free allowance of opportunity to ascertain their status would have precluded the charges of unfairness and intention to force an issue. In the present rather critical conditions of affairs here and the prevalent suspicion that Hawaii is trying to drag the United States into the Japanese controversy, such a course would have been preferable.



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